

Amendment to the Specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph in the section entitled “2. Brief Description of the Background of the Invention Including Prior Art”, after the paragraph beginning with “A management system of access” and ending with “and then read in the slave set-top box.”

In addition, International Publication No. WO 00/04718 entitled “Method and apparatus for secure communication of information between a plurality of digital audiovisual devices” teaches a method of providing secure communication of information between at least a first and second digital audiovisual device in which the first device communicates to the second device a certificate $Ct(K_{pubT})$ comprising a transport public key K_{pubT} encrypted by a management private key K_{priMan} . The second device decrypts the certificate using an equivalent management public key K_{pubMan} and thereafter uses the transport public key K_{pubT} to encrypt information sent to the first device.